

almost entirely to Natal and in view of the strong circumstantial evidence in support of the suggestion that McKen was instrumental in supplying the type material of *E. villosus* Lem. from Natal, there is good reason to suggest that McKen also had a part in sending the type material of *E. ghellinckii* Lem. from Natal to the nursery garden of Verschaffelt, where it was studied by Lemaire.

A NEW SPECIES OF HAWORTHIA

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(With Plates XXI and XXII)

Haworthia geraldii C. L. Scott sp. nov. (LILIACEAE—ALOINEA) Sect. RETUSA.

Rosetta. Acaulescens, 10 cm. diam; basi prolifera.

Folia. 18 juniora erecta, seniora patula, recurvata. ad 6 cm. longa, 30 mm. lata, 25 mm. Crassa, per 80° recurvata.

Pars retusa. 30 mm. lata, 23 mm. longa, plana lineis 8—12, et maculis elongatis albides instructa, circiter 1 mm. longus, pellucida viridi.

Subtus. Convexa, glabra, pallide viridia, seta extrema 3—6 mm. longe, persistente, pellucides. Margines et carina dentibus pellucides, minutis instructi.

Pedunculus. Simplex, gracillimus 2 mm. diam. 27 cm. longus, racemo incluso, claro-fuscus.

Racemus. 20 cm. longus, flores 20; 4 apertus.

Pedicelli. 2 mm. longi, 2 mm. diam.



Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

PLATE XXI

Haworthia geraldii C. L. Scott. 1. Plant. 2. Inflorescence $\times \frac{1}{4}$.

Bractea fertilis. 6 mm. longae, delta.

Bractea steriles. 20 circiter, 9 mm. longae.

Perianthium. Albidum, 13 mm. longum.

Stamina. 5 et 6 mm. longa.

Ovarium. 4 mm. longus, 2 mm. diam; viride.

Stylus. 1 mm. longus, curvatus, capitatus, albedo.

DESCRIPTION

Rosette acaulescent, up to 10 cm. in diam; Proliferous from the base and forming clusters.

Leaves. About 18, the young erect with the older spreading retused at an angle of 80 degrees, firm, up to 6 cm. long, and up to 30 mm. broad, 25 mm. thick measured at the base of the end area; *face below end area*; flat below, to concave above, smooth pale green, not shining.

End Area up to 30 mm. broad, and 25 mm. long, turgid, 8—12 pale green parallel face lines, with the middle one nearly reaching the tip, the others progressively shorter. The parallel lines are flanked by short longitudinal

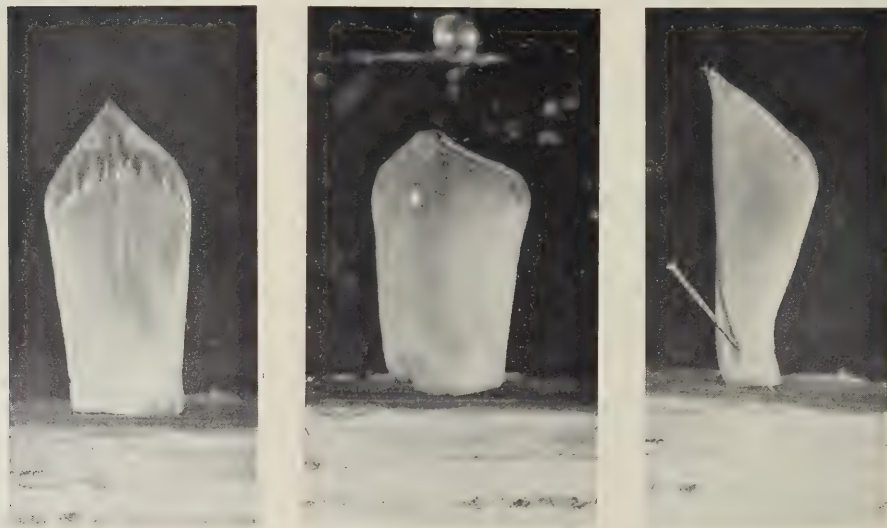


PLATE XXII

Haworthia geraldii C. L. Scott. Leaf: 1. Front, 2. Back, 3. Side.